Amendment and Response

Applicant: Jeffery S. Hess Serial No.: 10/061,514 Filed: February 1, 2002 Docket No.: 10010488-2

Title: SUBSTRATE AND METHOD OF FORMING SUBSTRATE FOR FLUID EJECTION DEVICE

REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed January 29, 2004 in which claims 72-98 were provisionally rejected. With this Amendment, previously withdrawn claims 99-112 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 72-98, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Double Patenting

Claims 72-98 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-39 of co-pending Application No. 10/062,050.

Concurrently with this Amendment, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) has been filed to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection based on Application No. 10/062,050.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the non-statutory double patenting rejection of claims 72-98 has been overcome. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the provisional rejection of claims 72-98 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 72-98 be allowed. Applicant submits that the filing of this terminal disclaimer is to obviate the rejection based on non-statutory double patenting and is not an admission of the propriety of the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 72-98 have been indicated as being allowable over the prior art. Applicant appreciates the indicated allowability of claims 72-98.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 72-98 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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